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ANNUAL REPORT
—OF THE—
TOWN OF
MONSON
MAINE



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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Town of Monson

BY THE

Municipal Officers

INCLUDING

Report of Superintendent of Schools

FOR THE

Municipal Year 1926-1927

Municipal Officers, 1926

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

W. A. BRAY E. H. FLINT, FLOYD WELCH

Town Clerk

W. HARRY HUGHES

Treasurer

F. M. HESCOCK

Tax Collector

A. L. BROWN

School Committee

R. M. HESCOCK, MRS. MARY DAVIS A. L. BRAY

Superintendent of Schools

CLAUDE L. SIDELINGER

Health Officer

H. E. SMITH

Sealer

F. M. HESCOCK

Auditor

H. S. KNIGHT

Report of Selectmen

VALUATION APRIL 1, 1926

Real estate, resident	\$161,555.00	
Real estate, non-resident	163,980.00	
Total real estate		\$325,535.00
Personal estate, resident	\$83,635.00	
Personal estate, non resident	42,660.00	
Total personal estate		\$126,295.00
Grand total amount		\$451,830.00
Raised by town at annual meeting,	\$21,008.00	
State tax 1926	2,892.24	
County tax 1926	457.97	
Overlay	246.95	
		\$24,605.16

RAISED BY TOWN MARCH 15, 1926

Support of schools	\$5,700.00
Town poor	1,000.00
Roads and bridges	5,000.00
Incidentals	1,700.00
Sidewalk	150.00
Interest	550.00
Text books	350.00
Salary Supt. of schools	450.00
Free High school	3,500.00
Apparatus and supplies	350.00
Memorial day	35.00
State aid road	533.00
Street lights	450.00
Public library	50.00
Monson band	25.00
Fire department	200.00
District nurse	100.00
Insurance, power and lights	375.00
Advertising Maine	40.00
Repairs on school buildings	450.00

OFFICERS' BILLS AND INCIDENTAL CHARGES

Raised by town	\$1,700.00
Received for rent	10.00
Received from rent of hall	13.50
Received from state on bank stock	126.17
Rec'd from state in Acct. wild animals	36.00
State dog license refunded	55.82
State R. R. and Tel. tax	14.34
Received from licenses	40.00
Rec'd from cemetery lots	92.00

\$2,087.83

Overdraft in 1925	\$314.80
Printing Town report	68.14
Office books and enrollment blanks	35.70
Telephone, express and voting lists	15.50
Making deeds	9.45
Insurance	93.28
Office wood	21.75
Labor in cemetery	121.00
Tramps	16.00
Sheep killed by wild animals	36.00
Care and oil for lanterns	14.00
Night watch	40.00
Antitoxin	16.80
Ballot clerks	84.00
Office fixtures	1.80
Advice from Hudson	3.00
Moderator	4.00
Examination for blind pension	3.00
A. L. Bray, School committee	25.00
R. M. Hescok, School committee	25.00
Mrs. Mary Davis, School committee	25.00
H. E. Smith, Health officer	25.00
W. A. Bray, Selectman	225.00
E. H. Flint, Selectman	90.00
Floyd Welch, Selectman	110.00
W. Harry Hughes, Clerk	25.00
W. Harry Hughes, stationery, postage, etc.,	14.75
F. M. Hescok, Treasurer	75.00

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F. M. Hescock, stationery and postage	7.78	
H. S. Knight, Auditor	4.00	
Dr. Dore, vital statistics	1.75	
Dr. Penta, vital statistics	3.25	
A. L. Brown, Commission	413.02	
Mrs. Chapin	8.00	
Unexpended 1926	112.06	
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		\$2,087.83

TOWN POOR

Raised by town 1926	\$1,000.00	
Unexpended 1925	2.91	
Transferred Mothers' aid fund	216.00	
Overdrawn	811.37	
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		\$2,030.28

Charles Grover	\$327.91	
A. Vinton	148.08	
Mary Morton	113.86	
John Dermott	281.53	
Mattson girl	7.30	
Marion Beaulier, Board 1925 and 1926	286.57	
Albion Johnson to be refunded	330.00	
Tom Burns family	205.09	
Viola Coffin	40.00	
Lindon Lawson	2.94	
Viva Spencer	5.00	
Ackerson family	82.00	
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		\$2,030.28

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Unexpended 1925	\$952.88	
Raised by town	5,000.00	
Cr. of 3d class road	26.27	
Rec'd from E. H. Flint	1,645.50	
Rec'd from state for maintenance	49.60	
Rec'd from state for maintenance	16.50	
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		\$7,690.75

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Expended 1926	\$6,903.24	
Unexpended	787.51	
	<hr/>	\$7,690.75

FIRE WHISTLE

Overdrawn		\$323.52
Expended	\$323.52	

MEMORIAL DAY

Raised by town		35.00
Expended		35.00

STATE AID ROAD

Raised by town	\$533.00	
Rec'd from state	1,074.32	
	<hr/>	\$1,607.32
Expended		\$1,607.32

STATE HIGHWAY THIRD CLASS

Rec'd from state		\$1,768.03
Expended		\$1,768.03

SPECIAL RESOLVE ELLIOTTSVILLE ROAD

Rec'd from state		\$1,486.54
Overdraft, 1925	9.45	
Expended	1,477.09	
	<hr/>	\$1,486.54

SIDEWALKS

Raised by town	\$150.00	
Unexpended 1925	117.65	
Rec'd from W. A. Bray	19.00	
Rec'd from E. H. Flint	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$296.65

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Expended	\$243.35	
Unexpended 1926	53.30	
	<hr/>	\$296.65

STREET LIGHTS

Raised by town	\$450.00	
Unexpended 1925	20.09	
Overdrawn 1926	5.38	
	<hr/>	\$475.47
Expended 1926		\$475.47

MONSON BAND

Raised by town	\$25.00
Expended	25.00

CEMETERY FENCE

Unexpended 1925	\$50.00
Expended 1926	\$50.00

SOLDIER'S TABLET

Unexpended 1925	\$50.00
Unexpended 1926	\$50.00

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Raised by town	\$50.00
Expended	\$50.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Raised by town	\$200.00	
Overdrawn 1926	189.31	
	<hr/>	\$389.31
Overdrawn 1925	\$55.78	
Expended	333.53	
	<hr/>	\$389.31

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INTEREST

Raised by town	\$550.00	
Unexpended 1925	69.36	
Rec'd from Guilford Trust	35.33	
Interest from collector	47.82	
Overdrawn 1926	12.66	
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		\$715.17
Expended 1926		\$715.17

DISTRICT NURSE

Raised by town	\$100.00
Expended 1926	\$100.00

FLAG STAFF

Unexpended 1925		\$40.94
Expended	\$13.85	
Unexpended 1926	\$27.09	
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		\$40.94

STATE ADVERTISING

Raised by town	\$40.00
Expended	\$40.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT

Committment 1926	\$24,605.16	
Interest	47.82	
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		\$24,652.98
Errors in assessment	\$339.08	
Abatement	18.48	
Net tax paid to Treasurer	24,295.42	
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		\$24,652.98

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Resources

Estimated value of town buildings and lot	\$3,500.00
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Fire engine	1,000.00	
Hearse	200.00	
Road tools	400.00	
Hose, pipe, and hydrants	2,000.00	
Safe	300.00	
Town trucks	500.00	
Gravel bank	75.00	
Cash in hands of Treasurer	2,331.96	
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		\$10,306.96

Liabilities

Monson Academy loan at 4%	\$3,925.00	
School fund	854.00	
Carroll Pullen, legacy	50.00	
A. W. Chapin, legacy	200.00	
A. F. Jackson, legacy	100.00	
Elizabeth Pullen, legacy	200.00	
Harriet N. Crafts, legacy	70.00	
Charles Baker, legacy	100.00	
Nettie Pullen loan 5%	1,200.00	
W. W. Pullen, loan 5%	1,000.00	
Henry Grover, loan 5%	1,000.00	
Geo. L. Brown, loan 5%	2,000.00	
Sarah M. Haynes Estate, legacy	100.00	
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Total Liabilities	\$10,799.00	\$10,799.00
Total Resources	10,306.96	
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Total liabilities in excess of resources		\$492.96

Treasurer's Report

By Paid Orders	\$36,572.36
State treas., dog tax	123.00
State treas., State tax	2,892.24
State treas., Highway patrol	557.70
County treas., County tax	557.97
Blind pensions	276.00
State pensions	72.00
Public library	4.68
Cash on hand	2,331.96
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	\$43,387.91

Dr.

Cash on hand	\$3,834.33
Int. on deposits	35.33
Town clerk, dog tax	123.00
Licenses	40.00
Rent of school house	10.00
Use of sealers outfit	2.00
Sarah Haynes estate	100.00
F. J. Wilkins for cemetery lots	92.00
Town of Abbot	11.65
Hired Guilford Trust Co.	5,000.00
E. H. Flint, use of trucks	1,450.00
E. H. Flint, highway	195.00
Sidewalks	29.00
Rent of hall	13.50
Gravel	.50
Rec'd of Collector	24,295.42
Rec'd of State treas., highway	3,320.67
State school fund	3,176.18
Improvement State roads	1,074.32
Blind pensions	276.00
State pensions	72.00
Tax on bank stock	126.17
R. R. and Tel. tax	14.34
Public library	4.58
Domestic animals killed	36.00

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Dog licenses refunded	55.82
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	\$43,387.91

We have paid for the Siren fire whistle instead of hiring money for same.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Bray,

E. H. FLINT,

FLOYD WELCH,

Selectmen of Monson.

A sufficient number of these reports have been printed to furnish every interested citizen with a copy. An effort has been made to get them into the hands of the voters in advance. It should be borne in mind that if copies are left at home there may not be a sufficient number at the hall to go around on town meeting day. This year or any year it is desirable for you to have a copy of the annual report as soon as issued. It is also important for you to preserve it and bring it with you town meeting day morning.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have audited the town books and find them to be correct.

H. S. KNIGHT Auditor.

February 24, 1927.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Monson:

I submit herewith my seventh annual report as superintendent of your schools. This report includes one submitted to me by Principal Goodrich for Monson Academy and one submitted by the health nurse. As is the custom some information concerning school finances is included to guide you in your consideration for school needs for the ensuing year.

Our school system is the concern of us all. Courses of study and methods of instruction are the business of teachers; but the aims, ideals, and particularly the needs of education are the concern of every citizen. And the reason for this is simply that the public schools are the factories that make citizens.

Information received from the state department shows that the rates for the year just closing and upon which the equalization fund is based are: School rate, .0116; Municipal rate, .0456. All towns in the state having a high rate than these will share in the equalization fund to be distributed in December, 1927. The rates for Monson for the year just closing are: School rate, .0235; Municipal rate, .056.

SCHOOL CONDITIONS

Concerning our school needs it seems advisable to give a little consideration to our course of study. The course of study directs what shall be taught. Because this has become overcrowded by the addition of many new subjects the problem of the curriculum has become one of selecting with care those aspects of each subject which will probably contribute most to fitting each child for the duties of life. The objects of education have been stated as sound health, worthy home membership, mastery of the tools of technics of learning, faithful citizenship vocational efficiency, wise use of leisure, and ethical character. We must eventually fur-

nish new material and additional equipment that more emphasis may be given to these several objects stated.

Our high school course is arranged to meet the needs more for those pupils who plan to go to college than for those who do not plan to go. It seems difficult to arrange a course of study for the Academy that will better meet the needs of all the pupils. You do not wish us to drop any of the subjects included in college requirements. If we add new subjects, we find that we are putting more work in the Academy than can be managed by three teachers.

The most important factor in making a school or school system successful is the staff of teachers and other workers. Just as a successful industrial plant must have skilled workmen each who can do accurately his particular kind of work in the plant, so a successful school must have trained teachers and workers, each possessed of all the essential abilities and qualities to secure the results expected of them. No one point stands out so clearly in the educational progress of the last decade as the improvement of the nation's teaching force in training and working conditions. Herein we are facing the need of a more generous financial support for our schools. We ought to make our country schools as good as the city schools, but we cannot do it on poor wages and working conditions for the teachers.

SCHOOL FUNDS

There seems to be a demand for better school support. Research studies show that America can afford to develop its schools to keep pace with other phases of our life. In fact it has been said that it cannot afford not to do so.

A statement of receipts and expenditures for school purposes for the year just closing is given at the end of this report.

The amount unexpended for schools this year may seem large. If the usual amount of the next year's supply of wood had been delivered before the date for the closing the accounts, the payments of the wood would have reduced this sum to the usual amount.

Insurance to the sum of five thousand dollars on the

grammar school building and to the sum of fifteen hundred dollars on the district school buildings was renewed during the year. This coming year a policy of fifteen hundred dollars on the grammar school building comes due. I think the new policy should be for twenty-five hundred dollars rather than for the same amount. There would be then only eighty-five hundred dollars of insurance on that building. Also a small sum is needed for insurance on the piano in that building.

The school budget submitted as a part of this report is simply a statement of the school funds needed for the ensuing year to enable the school officials to continue the school work under the present conditions. The suggestions for the elementary and the high school accounts are for the same amounts that were raised at the last annual townmeeting. The suggestion for school supplies is fifty dollars more than raised for this year. There will be an article in the warrant to raise money for employing a public health nurse.

SCHOOL REPAIRS

At the last annual meeting money was raised for painting the grammar school building and for improving the toilet buildings at the schoolhouse in the Vinton district. A statement of the expenditures for this work is given in the account for school repairs. In addition to improving toilets at the Vinton schoolhouse a new hard pine floor was laid in the school room. More work should be done on this schoolhouse within the next two or three years.

Under the present school sanitation requirements all school buildings or buildings used for school purposes shall be provided with toilet facilities that shall be installed in such a manner as to insure privacy, cleanliness and supervision by the teachers. The time for completing this work is the first day of September, 1927. To meet with these requirements the town will need to make some improvements on the toilets at the Long and the Burma school houses. We have deferred making any improvements on these toilets because we have thought that these schools might be discontinued by nineteen hundred and twenty-seven. It does not

seem practical to try to discontinue either of these schools at this time and convey the pupils to the schools at the village.

I see no way for the town to get along without raising considerable money for school repairs for the ensuing year unless we neglect some of the repairs or improvements that need to be made. Briefly stated about two hundred dollars should be raised for general repairs and maintenance of the schoolhouses, about one hundred seventy-five dollars for painting the grammar school building a second time, and at least five hundred dollars for improvements on the toilets at the Burma and the Long schoolhouses.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF MONSON ACADEMY

To the Superintendent of Schools:

It gives me pleasure to submit to you a report on the school conditions in Monson Academy.

When school opened in the fall, it was with a larger enrollment than has been the case for some time. Forty-eight pupils were present on the first day. Since then four pupils have entered school and four have left, so that the enrollment at the present time is the same as when school began. We are pleased to have two pupils from neighboring towns in attendance this year, as tuition pupils.

The enrollment by classes is as follows: 1927, 7; 1928, 10; 1929, 10; 1930, 21.

The following is the enrollment by courses: College Preparatory, 20; General Course, 28.

It may be noticed that the freshman class is more than twice the size of any other, and it is evident from the size of the eighth grade that the registration next year will be about ten more than this year.

The attendance of the pupils has on the whole been very satisfactory. For the fall term, the percentage of attendance of the pupils in the College Preparatory Course was 98.4%, and of those in the General course, 97.1%, an average of 97.5% for the whole school. Deductions are made for tardiness and dismissals as well

as for absences in computing these figures. Considerable interest was shown in an attendance contest between the classes. The senior class won the contest for the fall term. The sophomore class is now in the lead for the winter term.

Probably a fair proportion of the pupils are doing as much studying as may reasonably be expected of them. In every school there is chance for improvement in this respect. Far too many pupils allow outside interests and attractions to interfere with their studies. I venture to say that not more than one pupil in a hundred who enters the academy is mentally unable to do work of a passing grade. That means that in almost every instance, failures in scholarship are due to not spending enough time in study. As far as their work in school hours goes one could not ask for a more industrious group of pupils than is now attending Monson Academy. The chief requisite then for the improvement of scholarship and the prevention of failures is the requirement by the parents of more home study by their children. The principal welcomes personal conferences with parents as to the best way to bring about the desired results.

Two policies have been adopted which tend to bring about improved scholarship. The first one is that when a pupil fails in a written lesson so as to bring his rank below the passing mark, he is required to take the examination a second time. In order to be fair to those who passed by a first trial the rank of the second attempt is discounted five per cent. Almost invariably the pupil is able to bring his rank up to the passing mark by a second trial. The other policy is requiring all boys who play on the basketball team to meet all the requirements as to scholarship which have been adopted by the Maine Association of Secondary School Principals. No pupil can represent the school in any activity who is not above the passing mark in at least three studies.

In considering the material needs of the school one finds the building in good condition due to the recent alterations which were well done and because of the expense for this purpose one realizes that perhaps the best way to meet the many imperative needs is to adopt

a definite program of improvement that may cover two or three years. Accordingly, I have prepared a list of needs which includes some items the funds for which may be raised in part by giving entertainments, believing that it will be both for the best interests of the school and also financially possible to acquire this equipment during the next two years.

List of needs arranged roughly in order of their urgency.

1. Laboratory table with sink for work in Chemistry and Physics.
2. New desks for the main room.
3. Bookcases for reference books and cupboards for apparatus.
4. Business forms and files for classes in bookkeeping.
5. Mimeograph for making out examinations and class notes.
6. Portable motion picture projector for educational films.

On the whole the course of study seems to be well adapted to the needs of the pupils and the facilities of the school. If an improvement is possible it may be made along the lines suggested at the last State Teachers' Convention by alternating certain subjects from year to year so that pupils who have no interest in French for instance may substitute a second year of Business Methods and Science for this subject.

The following is the curriculum now in use:

Year	General Course	College Course
First	English 1	English 1
	Early History	Early History
	Algebra 1	Algebra 1
	General Science	Latin 1
Second	English 2	English 2
	French 1	French 1
	Business Methods	Latin 2
	Geometry	Geometry

Third	English 3	English 3
	French 2	French 2
	(Two of the following)	Latin 3
	Modern History	(One of the following)
	Physics	Physics
	Advanced Algebra	Advanced Algebra
Fourth	English 4	English 4
	American Hist. and Civics	American Hist. and Civics
	(Two of the following)	Latin 4
	Modern History	(One of the following)
	Physics	Physics
	Advanced Algebra	Advanced Algebra

Notes:—Chemistry will be given in 1927-1928 in place of Physics.

The goal that we have in mind for Monson Academy is that it shall be a school of such high standards that every pupil who is certified for entrance to college may feel no hesitancy in applying for admission to any college that every pupil who is graduated may feel that he has received a training that is of definite value to him whatever his occupation. We feel that the moral influences around the school are good and we would maintain them so.

In closing, I wish to express my appreciation of the hard work that is being done for the school by the assistants, and to say that altho the entire faculty was new to the school this year the people of the town have greeted us cordially, and we appreciate the co-operation of all.

Respectfully submitted,

MERTON T. GOODRICH.

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

To the Citizens of Monson:

I wish to submit a report of the health work done from February, 1926 to February, 1927.

SCHOOL WORK

From February, 1926 until the closing of the schools in June, five visits were made in the village schools. Five individual inspections were made. One health talk was given. At the beginning of the school year in September 135 pupils were examined for suspicious communicable diseases. Five health talks were given. Four sanitary inspections were made. One defect had been corrected during the summer and 32 pupils had been to a dentist during the summer. In October the medical inspection, vision and hearing tests and health talks were given in the three rural schools. All the pupils were weighed and measured at this time. Number of pupils examined 29. Number with defects 25. Number without defects 4. Number of notices sent to parents 27. Number of health talks given 3. Number of pupils found with defective teeth 23, defective tonsils 8, defective vision 4, defective hearing none. Number of pupils under weight 14 over weight 13, standard weight 2. The pupils in the grades were weighed and measured at this time also. Number of pupils weighed 136. Number under weight 73, over weight 37, standard weight 26. The weighing in the grades is done every two months and each pupil that is more than a pound under weight is given a card with their age, height and weight and what they should weigh printed on it. If they are able to gain a pound during the two months they are given a gold star on the class room weight record. In November and December the medical inspection, vision and hearing tests were made in the village schools. Number of pupils examined 186. Number with defects 132. Number without defects 54. Number of notices sent to parents 138. List of defects: teeth 116, tonsils 39, vision 22, hearing 2. The Modern Health Crusade Work was started in the village and rural schools in the fall. In

January 100 pupils were inspected for suspicious communicable diseases. One was dismissed from school.

CHILD WELFARE WORK

Since February, 1926, three Baby Clinics have been held in Monson. Number of babies examined 18. Number with defects 10. Number without defects 8. The defective cases are followed up during the winter and I always find that many of the defects are corrected. The classes in Home Nursing which were started in January 1926 finished in April, 1926. These classes were held every week and I feel sure that each one who enrolled received a great deal of help from them. There have been several home visits among Tuberculosis cases. In June a boy was taken to the State school at West Pownal.

Respectfully submitted,

NINA F. MOOERS,

Public Health Nurse.

ESTIMATE OF SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1927

Suggestions for School Accounts:

Elementary school purposes	\$5,700.00
High school purposes	3,500.00
Free Textbook account	350.00
Supply and equipment accounts	400.00
School supplies	\$350.00
Equipment	50.00
School repairs account:	
General repairs and maintenance	200.00
Painting grammar school buildings	175.00
Special improvements on toilets	500.00
Light and power accounts	50.00
Insurance account	125.00
Account salary of superintendent	440.00

In viewing the work of the schools for the year just closing I wish to give credit to the teachers, school officers, and citizens in general for their loyalty and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. SIDELINGER,

Superintendent of Schools.

February 17, 1927.

Financial Statement for 1926-1927

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1926	\$504.56
Raised by town, 1926	5,700.00
State school fund	2,018.18
Equalization fund	408.00
Interest	34.16

\$8,864.90

Expenditures

Teachers' wages:

Bernice E. Fogg	\$1,008.00
Verna M. Simmons	645.00
Rena G. Waterhouse	132.00
Fritzene Carlson	315.00
Louise E. Grover	441.00
Esther Pennington	834.00
Margaret LeClair	648.00
Priscilla Champion	210.00
Ada E. Bafes	294.00
Roberta Zimmerman	490.00
Alice Zimmerman	210.00
Ruth Zimmerman	294.00

\$5,521.00

Handwritten calculations:

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Fuel for schools:

A. C. Gilbert	\$90.25
C. C. Simpson, coal	105.00
Wm. Champion	28.00
A. S. Knight	30.00
Labor on wood	74.00
H. A. Davis	200.00

 \$527.25

Janitor services and supplies:

Henry Smith	\$400.00
District janitors	96.00
Supplies and material	57.75
Cleaning	15.00

 \$568.75

Transportation of children:

W. W. Pullen	\$370.00
Mrs. Verena Drake	286.00
Mrs. Roy Lloyd	212.00
A. F. Brown	66.00
Mrs. Edwin Copeland	84.00
Harry Brasier	84.00

 \$1,102.00

Tuition, Town of Abbot

237.00

Unexpended, 1926

708.90

 \$8,664.90

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Unexpended, 1925	\$250.00
Raised by town, 1926	3,350.00
State school funds	500.00
Equalization fund	250.00

 \$4,350.00

Expenditures

Treasurer Monson Academy:

On account of contract \$3,650.00

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Fuel and janitor accounts	400.00	
Unexpended, 1926	300.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,350.00

HIGH SCHOOL

LIBRARY AND LABORATORY ACCOUNTS

Unexpended, 1925	\$138.51	
Appropriated, 1926	150.00	
Town of Abbot	11.65	
	<hr/>	\$300.16

Expenditures

Library purposes:		
School magazines	\$33.60	
New reference books	65.33	
	<hr/>	\$98.93
Laboratory purposes:		
Supplies and equipment	\$77.86	
Set of maps	24.50	
	<hr/>	\$102.36
Unexpended		98.87
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		\$300.16

FREE TEXTBOOK ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1925	\$57.54	
Raised by town, 1926	350.00	
	<hr/>	\$407.54
Expenditures:		
Elementary school books	\$289.85	
High school books	60.41	
Unexpended, 1926	57.28	
	<hr/>	\$407.54

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1925	\$118.54	
Raised by town	300.00	
	<hr/>	\$418.54
Expended for supplies	\$367.58	
Unexpended, 1926	50.96	
	<hr/>	\$418.54

SCHOOL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1925	\$42.72	
Raised by town	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$92.72
Expenditures:		
Maps	\$9.70	
School scales	44.64	
Oil sprayer	6.00	
Chairs and curtains	17.50	
Unexpended, 1926	14.88	
	<hr/>	\$92.72

SCHOOL REPAIRS ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1925	\$174.19	
Raised by town, 1926	450.00	
	<hr/>	\$624.19
Expenditures:		
Painting village school buildings	\$187.17	
Remodeling Vinton building	350.00	
Material for school repairs	34.68	
General repairs	26.55	
	<hr/>	\$598.92
Unexpended, 1926,		25.27
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		\$624.19

INSURANCE, LIGHT AND POWER ACCOUNTS

Unexpended, 1925	\$33.15	
Raised by town, 1926	375.00	
	<hr/>	\$410.15
Expenditures:		
For insurance	\$293.75	
For lighting school basement	28.19	
For light and power	36.41	
	<hr/>	\$358.35
Unexpended, 1926		
For insurance	\$6.25	
For light and power	45.55	
	<hr/>	\$51.80
		\$410.15

SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1925	\$16.00	
Raised by town, 1926	450.00	
	<hr/>	\$466.00
Expenditures:		
C. L. Sidelinger, salary	\$444.00	
Unexpended, 1926	22.00	
	<hr/>	\$466.00

TOWN WARRANT

To A. L. Brown, a constable of the Town of Monson, in
the County of Piscataquis: GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Monson, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble in Spencer's Hall in said town of Monson, the twenty-first (21) day of March, A. D., 1927 at ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:—

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of schools.

Article 5. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of the poor.

Article 6. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the repair and maintenance of roads and bridges, and how the same shall be expended.

Article 7. To see what sum of money the town will raise to defray all incidental and town charges and for miscellaneous purposes.

Article 8. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the care of sidewalks, and how the same shall be expended.

Article 9. To see what sum of money the town will raise to pay interest.

Article 10. To see what sum of money the town will raise for free text books.

Article 11. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the Superintendent of school's salary.

Article 12. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for free high school and how the same shall be expended, and to authorize the school committee to make a contract with the trustees of Monson Academy.

Article 13. To see what sum of money the town will raise for school apparatus and supplies.

Article 14. To see what sum of money the town will raise for repairs on school houses.

Article 15. To see what sum of money the town will raise for Memorial Day services.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising the money necessary to entitle the town to State Aid, as provided in Section 19 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Article 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$533.00 for the improvement of the section of State Aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the

amount regularly raised for the care of ways and bridges; the above amount being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Section 18 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Article 18. To see whether the town will vote to raise money, and what sum, for the maintenance of State and State Aid Highway during the ensuing year, within the limits of the town under the provisions of Sections 9 and 18 of Chapter 130 of Public Laws of 1913.

Article 19. To see if the town will charge interest on all taxes remaining unpaid Sept. 15th at six (6) per cent.

Article 20. To see what sum of money the town will raise for street lights for the ensuing year.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for Monson Free Public Library.

Article 22. To see if the town will authorize superintending school committee to use their discretion in regard to maintaining schools in those districts where there are less than the required number of scholars.

Article 23. To see if the town will raise a sum of money to be paid to the Monson band for evening concerts.

Article 24. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the fire department.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to raise money to be used for employing a district nurse.

Article 26. To see what sum of money the town will raise for insurance on school buildings and for power and lights.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to elect a Budget committee.

Article 28. To see if the town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen and Treasurer to hire money for town purposes.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to appropriate money to pay expenses of one of the Selectmen to attend the Assessors' convention.

Article 30. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for advertising our natural resources to be paid to the Treasurer of the Maine Development association a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of Maine for the purpose of developing the resources and attractions of the State of Maine it being understood that all of said money shall go for direct publicity and none of it for salaries.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) from John Randall, to be held in trust, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the John Randall cemetery lot.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) from the estate of the late Peter E. Johnson, to be held in trust, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the Peter E. Johnson cemetery lot.

Article 33. To see what sum of money the town will raise to pay on the town debt.

Article 34. To see if the town will vote to perambulate any of the town lines, and raise money for the same.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to purchase one or more street beacon lights and raise money for the same.

Article 36. To see what kind of a pump the town will vote to buy for fire protection and provide a building for the same; also raise money for said pump and the fire whistle bought at special town meeting 1926.

